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1. SUMMARY. PLO REGARDS U.S. PEACEMAKING ROLE AS "CONSECRATION OF ZIONIST PRESENCE AND ATTEMPT TO LIQUIDATE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION," ACCORDING TO LEAD EDITORIAL IN PLO WEEKLY ORGAN APPEARING AUGUST 24. PFLP AND PDFLP, USING MORE RADICAL LANGUAGE, FOLLOW SAME LINE IN THEIR OWN WEEKLY ORGANS APPEARING AUGUST 23 AND 25. PRO-SYRIAN "ASH-SHARQ", CONTAINING ITS SERIES OF AMBIGUOUS EDITORIALS, ASKS ITSELF WHAT SECRETARY'S EFFORTS MEAN AND THEN REPLIES THAT "ONLY THOSE WHO ARE WELL-INFORMED CAN TELL." INDEPENDENT GOL-INSPIRED "AL-BAYRAQ" COMBINES WARNING RE AMERICAN INTENTIONS WITH EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE IN PRESIDENT SADAT. END SUMMARY.

2. PLO WEEKLY ORGAN "FILASTIN ATH-THAWRA" WRITES IN LEAD EDITORIAL AUGUST 24: "PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION IS CERTAIN, ON BASIS OF DEFINITE INFORMATION IT HAS COMPILED AND THOROUGH UNCLASSIFIED

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ANALYSIS OF ALL THAT IS TAKING PLACE, THAT ROLE U.S. IS

PLAYING IS A CONSECRATION OF ZIONIST PRESENCE AND ITS OCCUPATION OF OUR LAND AND HOMES AND AN ATTEMPT TO LIQUIDATE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION AND STRIKE AT ASPIRATIONS AND RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION APPEALS TO OUR NATION TO STAND WITH IT AT THIS DANGEROUS AND DIFFICULT TIME, AS IT FACES THIS CONTINUOUS AGGRESSION AGAINST OUR PEOPLE AND CAUSE. AT SAME TIME, IT STRONGLY URGES ALL FORCES AND ORGANIZATIONS OF PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION TO ... UNIFY EFFORTS AND INTENSIFY WORK TO DRAW UP CONFRONTATION PLANS FOR PURPOSE OF FOILING ALL THREADS OF CONSPIRACY AGAINST OUR PEOPLE AND CAUSE."

3. IN SIMILAR BUT MORE RADICALLY PHRASED COMMENT, PFLP WEEKLY ORGAN "AL-HADAF" WRITES IN LEAD EDITORIAL AUGUST 23: "THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IS MOST SERIOUS THING ARAB STRUGGLE HAS EVER HAD TO FACE. AT THIS STAGE, LIQUIDATIONIST SETTLEMENT HAS BEGUN TO... PUT NOOSE AROUND NECK OF PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND TO STRENGTHEN STAGING AREAS FOR CRUSHING PHYSICAL EXISTENCE OF ARAB LIBERATION MOVEMENT, WITH PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE IN FOREFRONT.... LET US STRUGGLE TO IMPOSE UNITED REVOLUTIONARY PALESTINIAN POSITION TO REJECT SETTLEMENT."

4. PDFLP WEEKLY ORGAN "AL-HURRIYYA" ECHOES ABOVE SENTIMENTS IN LEAD EDITORIAL AUGUST 25: "IN ORDER TO DEFEND NATIONAL RIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS, LIMIT EFFECTS AND RESULTS OF THIS SURRENDERIST DEVIATION FROM REVOLUTION AND ITS POSITIONS, AND PREVENT ANY ARAB FORCE IN AREA FROM IMITATING SADAT'S POLICY, IT IS PALESTINIAN NATIONAL DUTY TO RESIST SADAT'S AGREEMENT.... ALL OTHER ARAB REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS AND FORCES JOIN WITH PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION IN WAGING THIS SOCIO-POLITICAL BATTLE AGAINST NATIONAL ABANDONMENT OF OCCUPIED LANDS."

5. CONTINUING SERIES OF AMBIGUOUS EDITORIALS APPEARING IN PRO-SYRIAN "ASH-SHARQ", COLUMNIST MUHAMMAD KAFI WRITES AUGUST 25: "AGAIN WE ASK -- WHAT DOES KISSINGER'S PROGRESS IN HIS PEACE EFFORTS MEAN? DOES IT MEAN SUCCESS OF AMERICAN POLICY OF STRIKING ARAB SOLIDARITY, DIVIDING ARAB CAUSE, AND SQUANDERING PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S RIGHTS? OR DOES IT MEAN THAT KISSINGER WILL BE REHABILITATED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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WORKING MIRACLES AFTER PREVIOUS FAILURES? ONLY THOSE WHO ARE WELL-INFORMED CAN TELL. WHAT IS SURE, HOWEVER, IS THAT WE MUST REMAIN AWAKE, UNIFY OUR ACTION, AND PREPARE TO FACE ANY EVENTUALITY."

6. SA'ID NASIR AD-DIN WRITES IN INDEPENDENT GOL-INSPIRED "AL-BAYRAQ" AUGUST 25: "SADAT UNDOUBTEDLY KNOWS WHAT IS HIDDEN BEHIND KISSINGER'S SMILE AND WILL NOT BE MISLED

BY HIS SWEET TALK. AMERICA'S POLICY OF BACKING ISRAEL  
AND SHATTERING ARAB SOLIDARITY HAS NOT CHANGED AT ALL....  
WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT ALL OF SADAT'S POSITIONS STEM  
FROM HIS GENUINE NATIONALISM AND ARABISM. HE WILL ACCEPT  
NO POLITICAL GAIN THAT FAILS TO LIVE UP TO OCTOBER  
TRIUMP AND ARAB PEOPLE'S EXPECTATIONS."  
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